

## CHAMBER BACKS U. S. ARMOR IDEA

Commercial Body Thinks  
Government Should Have  
Its Own Plate Plants.

### HEARS VIEWS ON VOTE

Senator Clapp Opposes Ballot for District While Representative Austin Favors Local Suffrage.

The establishment of government armor plate plants to supply the nation with the material necessary for national defense was endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce at the monthly meeting in the chamber rooms last night. The action was taken on recommendation of the committee on law and legislation, headed by A. Leftwich Sinclair.

Two views of how the District should be governed were outlined by Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, and Representative Richard Austin, of Tennessee.

Senator Clapp opposed the plan to give the District representation in the House and Senate and in the electoral college, because, he said, of the undesirable vote, which the people of the District themselves fear. Representative Austin made a strong appeal for self-government for the District.

Senator Clapp said the ideal government for the District would be to continue the appointment of Commissioners by the President, but to vest in those Commissioners the same powers which the city councils of other American cities possess.

Judged by the applause, the members favored Representative Austin's plan for outright suffrage.

The purchase of the Dean tract for a park in the northeast, and the establishment of a municipal garbage and refuse plant were endorsed.

The chamber launched a movement to inaugurate "first aid to the injured" lectures in the local high schools. It also endorsed the "baby week" campaign to be held in May.

Senator Clapp denounced the plan of the Treasury Department for the erection of the government power plant in Water street southwest.

Representative Austin declared that when the hand of American government is withdrawn from the Philippines, "we will see Mexico duplicated, with depredations to American property and the loss of American lives, if they remain there."

### BORLAND PLAN KILLED; EMPLOYEES WIN FIGHT

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from our employees and actually required a good deal more. No legislative body, no body of humane men ever proposed such a thing."

#### Makes Borland Uncomfortable.

Touching on the exacting nature of the work required of government clerks, Mr. Mann spent some few minutes making "the gentleman from Missouri" decidedly uncomfortable.

"Government clerks must be accurate," he declared. "If the gentleman from Missouri who has offered this amendment was to be discharged for want of accuracy, he would be out of a job now."

Mr. Mann suggested that government clerks might suffer from "brain fog," which he supposed was responsible for the failure of the gentleman from Missouri to include two all-important words in his proposed amendment.

"If a government clerk should do that he would be discharged," declared the minority leader. "If the gentleman from Missouri will restrict his hours of labor to seven of solid work, he will not make foolish mistakes like that."

Representative Madden, of Illinois, called attention to another of Mr. Borland's frequently reiterated "inaccuracies," that the rider proposed to do away with a discrimination in favor of government clerks in Washington by putting them on the same eight-hour basis as government clerks in the postal and other services outside of Washington.

#### Points Out the Injustice.

Mr. Madden pointed out, as was well known to Mr. Borland, that the law providing for government clerks outside of Washington prohibited their employment for more than eight hours a day, except when extra compensation was provided for overtime. As Mr. Madden pointed out, the Borland rider proposed that they should work not less than eight hours in any one day, and offered no added compensation for the overtime work which is admittedly so general in the departments.

Representative Mudd, of Maryland, formerly Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, painted an intimate picture of the government clerk as he knew him.

"When a man accepts what is known as a permanent position in the Civil Service," he said, "particularly if he is a young man starting out in life, he cannot resist the thought that the door of opportunity is closed against him. He abandons all hope of a public or successful business career, dedicates his efforts to the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him, and contents himself with the doubtful prospects of continued occupation. He is fortunate if he dies in the service having faithfully performed his duty day by day without promotion in pay or rank up to the time of his death."

#### Would Not Aid Efficiency.

"I do not believe that the addition of an extra hour to the day's work of the employees will increase efficiency in the departmental service, especially since no measure has been introduced looking to a readjustment of salaries. If the statement is true, and it has not been denied, that there has been no readjustment of wages for the past fifty years or more in the government service to meet the high cost of living, while in all other branches salaries have been fixed according to the existing necessities of mankind, then the present status of the government employee should be seriously considered."

#### As long as I am a member of this House I will advocate and vote for any measure that has for its purpose a consistent increase in pay where it is warranted, or the promotion of the welfare of the government clerk when he arrives at an age where his services are no longer desired by his government."

#### Designed His Own Coffin.

John J. Andrews, civil war veteran and personal friend of Lincoln, will be buried at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Woodlawn Cemetery, Maryland, in a steel casket which he himself constructed and kept in his home for many years. The funeral services will be held in his late residence, 10 Louisiana avenue, Arlington, where he resided for more than half a century, and will be with G. A. R. honors.

### DR. COOK MAY BE HEARD.

Explorer Asks Revision of Histories on Pole's Discovery.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of arctic repute, reappeared before the House Committee on Education yesterday and requested that he be given an opportunity to explain his demands for a revision of the school histories to set the country right on the question of the discovery of the north pole.

The committee took no action, but the members are disposed to grant Dr. Cook's request to the extent of appointing a subcommittee to hear what he has to say.

### Do Not Act on Speed Bill.

Action by the House District Committee on the Miller bill, increasing the speed limit for private vehicles within the fire limits to eighteen miles an hour, was postponed yesterday until the next meeting of the committee.

### HUNT SHOWS BEAUTIES OF YELLOWSTONE PARK

Pictures Lucidly Explained by Lecturer at Woodward & Lothrop's. Will Speak Again Today.

The beauties of the National Yellowstone Park and the surrounding country were depicted in word and picture yesterday in the auditorium of Woodward & Lothrop's by C. N. Hunt, official lecturer of one of the great transcontinental railroads. The lecture was given in connection with the widely known Rochester house parties and in furtherance of the "See America First" campaign.

The wonders of the canyons, falls and forests were shown in their natural and varied colors, each one being lucidly explained by Mr. Hunt.

Another lecture will be given in the auditorium of Woodward & Lothrop's this morning at 11 o'clock. The motion pictures will be repeated at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the addition of scenes from the Yellowstone Park to San Francisco.

Mr. Hunt will lecture before the members of the Commercial Club tonight.

### Many Attend Lenten Services

Ministers of the fifteen Episcopal churches here conducting a Lenten mission, reported yesterday that each of the churches was well filled and that new enthusiasm was being stirred in the respective congregations. Rev. Officer, O. H. C., missionary at St. Stephen's Church, Fourteenth street and Columbia road, reported that 700 attended his night services and that 230 children attended the afternoon services.

### Boy in Roosevelt Family.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was the recipient of congratulations yesterday when it became known that his wife had presented him with a baby boy. Mother and son are doing well.

### ANGERED PASSENGERS KILL JITNEY DRIVER

Three Italians Open Fire When Chauffeur Refuses to Take Them to Destination.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 14.—John Melvin, aged 24, a jitney driver, was shot to death today by three passengers who became angered because Melvin would not take them to where they wanted to go.

One of the passengers slipped his face and pulled a revolver and fired. The others opened fire too and Melvin was almost instantly killed.

Three Italians have been arrested for the murder and two of them have been identified by John Reddington, another passenger as the men who did the shooting.

### PHELPS GETS PROMOTION

Laurel Man Honored by Canadian Pacific Officials

Charles E. Phelps, of Laurel, Md., for the past two years Southern traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, connected with the New York office, has been promoted to city ticket agent for Washington. In addition to his duties for the railway company, Mr. Phelps will represent the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited, which is the amalgamation of the Allan Line and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamship interests.

Mr. Phelps is the son of former Mayor and Mrs. Edward Phelps, of Laurel, and a brother of Harry S. Phelps, well known in Laurel and Washington.

### Suffrage Gains in New York.

Albany, N. Y., March 14.—The equal suffrage referendum resolution passed the assembly today by a vote of 109 to 30.

### "Birth of a Nation" Indorsed.

Believing that J. W. Griffith's motion picture entitled "The Birth of a Nation" would be of educational value in correcting erroneous history now before the public. Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans last night unanimously adopted a resolution instructing a committee to ask the proper authorities to bring the picture to Washington. The members discussed plans in connection with attendance at the annual reunion to be held in Birmingham on May 15, 16 and 17.

### Playmates Are Exonerated.

Authorities at Clarendon, Va., investigating the accidental shooting of Lewis Simms, 12, who died a few minutes after he was shot Saturday, have exonerated playmates declared to be with the boy at the time. An inquest was not considered necessary. It was denied yesterday that Lewis Hester, also 12, was with the boy when he was shot. Simms died on Aqueduct Bridge, en route to Georgetown University Hospital.



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